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## Professor slays student in grading incident

■ Low test score sends student off deep end.

By Cathy House  
Almagest

One student was found brutally stabbed yesterday by an associate professor after the student allegedly questioned him about his grading methods.

According to witnesses, 18-year-old John Merkle, a freshman English major in his second semester, became irate after receiving a low grade on a test paper from his English professor, Marc Johnson.

"He just started screaming and yelling at Mr. Johnson," said Jeanie James, freshman

sociology major. "I really thought he was gonna kill the guy (the professor)."

Witnesses said Johnson must have thought his life was in danger because he lifted the side of his sweater and pulled out a Bowie knife when Merkle approached him.

"He just stuck him," said Chuck Niles, sophomore chemistry major. "I couldn't believe it."

Johnson is claiming self defense in the slaying.

James said that Merkle seemed distraught since the first week of class. "He said things like, 'I'm going to fail; I can't fail. This class is so hard.' It was really weird. I just thought he was stressed out," she said.

A special task force of criminal justice majors will assist Campus Police in an investigation as part of an



intern program.

"We can use all the help we can get," said Officer Fife. "We have had our hands full since the tire slashing incident. Now we have to take shift work to cover everything." Fife said that

he and Officer Griffith are now taking turns protecting the big screen television in the University Center.

Since his arrest, Johnson is being held in what will be the chancellor's private dining

room in the UC, formerly the Red River Room. Temporary arrangements had to be made as Johnson is a Bossier City resident. He will be taken to the Bossier Parish jail once a space in the hall becomes available.

## Rabbit's foot brings no luck

By Robert Hornak  
Almagest

An LSUS student who suffered a massive attack of the willy-nillies on Friday after discovering a rabbit's foot in his red beans n' rice at the campus cafeteria was released from the Highland Hospital on Saturday in good condition.

The student, 21-year-old biology major Shammy Brunthick, still shivers when he thinks of the traumatizing incident.

"I was chewing a bite when I sensed that something was amiss. The rice was a lot chewier than usual and the beans actually had a flavor, albeit a bad one," he said. Brunthick proceeded to spit the bite out onto a side plate, whereupon his dinner partner, 18-year-old business major Luis Spunt, decided that it must be some gristle.

Brunthick, applying his biology knowledge, said, "No, my friend. What we have here is a hind foot of the lepus coniculus, or the common rabbit." Then Brunthick closed his eyes and fell into his apple-sauce.

Spunt rushed the ailing Brunthick to the hos-

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pital, where doctors quickly applied an ice pack to the dizzy patient's head and sent him to rest in an available room. Doctors agreed to keep Brunthick overnight after the patient demanded that the "monstrously large and drooling chunk of rarebit at the foot of the bed" be escorted from the room.

The campus cafeteria was initially reluctant to respond. Finally a spokesman for the cafeteria agreed that the "item" did appear to be the foot of some mammalian quadruped.

When presented with the notion that the incident was mighty peculiar, the spokesman just swiped his hand in the air and said, "Yeah, yeah. So ya gonna order somethin', or what?"



photos by James Aulds



# Faculty Opinion

Dear students:

I have often been asked to describe a typical faculty meeting at LSUS. Realizing that you are in need of an appropriate model, I will thus reveal a detailed account of a secret meeting which was called in September of 1991 by Dr. Dalton Cloud, long-time chair of the Department of Silence in the College of Silly Arts. It was attended by the faculty of that department and upper-level administrators.

After jerking on his tie and calling the meeting to order, Dr. Cloud informed the group that from then on they should call him Mr. Dalton, because he was about to make a career change from professor to owner of Dalton's Salon of Beauty. He went on to explain that his inspiration came from the females in his department who were constantly clamoring for his advice on how they should dress, wear their hair, etc.

Chancellor Darling began to offer suggestions, especially in regard to Mr. Dalton's attempts to develop his signature style of coiffure by experimenting with Dr. Handford's hair. Everyone had noticed how she seemed to alternate between a look-alike of the Grape Juice Lady on the Lawrence Welch TV show on Sunday nights and Margaret Thatcher. The Chancellor frowned and made clear that he

did not want any female faculty looking like a Juice Lady.

Suddenly, with steam escaping from her nostrils, Dr. Nancy Belck, chancellor of Vice and Academics and ardent feminist, shot forward, sliding on her stomach across the table, shook her fist in the Chancellor's face and shouted,

"Why not? After all, most of the male faculty on this campus look like Lawrence Welch!" Her comment threw Ms. Martin, fanatical advocate for male rights, into such a frenzy that in a shrill voice she began to threaten Mr. Dalton if he should adapt Dr. Belck's concept of MTQ (Management Total Quality) for his new business.

Dr. Raines, chancellor of students and vice and known as a peace-maker, said, "Whoa there, buddy," grabbed the back of Dr. Belck's cheap \$800 shirt and jerked her back into her seat.

While all of this was happening, Dr. Pat Bates, chair of the English department, sneaked into the meeting and gave the Chancellor a note which read, "Deer Chancle, Eye aint rilly go no PH in english." Thinking of our upcoming accreditation review, the chancellor fainted. When he finally came to, he fired Bates as chair and promoted her to administration where her writing skills would be more appropriate. Of course she was devastated at



the thought of having to move to an office in a building which looks like the House of Usher.

In an attempt to distract Mr. Dalton from Belck's offer, Dr. Bob Critcher and Mr. Tabor entertained faculty with their clever brunette jokes. Hanford, a natural blonde since 1966, nodded agreement in her usual mild-mannered way.

The ever-helpful Dr. Torrains and Ms. Jarzabek informed Mr. Dalton that when a woman spends 50 cents on her hair, she

doesn't want to smell like smoke when she leaves the salon. Thus, they offered to become human smoke detectors. Of course, this idea was nixed by Handford, a smoker's rights advocate.

Up to now, Dr. White had been quiet. Suddenly, she jumped to her feet and screamed that she had just heard a voice which instructed her to tell Mr. Dalton that he must lose 20 lbs. and that White must remind him of his problem

at least three times a day.

Mr. Dalton's Salon of Beauty opens today in BH 330. Go by because he has adopted Belck's MTQ concept that the customer must leave UNhappy.

I can never, never, never, reveal my identity. If I do, he will revoke my tenure, refuse to recognize my Ph.D., assign me to Saturday morning classes, and turn my office into a smoking lounge. Thus, I am forced to sign with my pen name...

**Mighty Mite**

## If you were a tree, what kind of tree would you be?



"I'd want to be a live oak because they're sturdy and strong but graceful and beautiful. And they live a long time."  
**Dorothy Cady**  
Science



"A maple — something with a lot of sap."

**David Gustavson**  
Education

"A long leaf pine. It's my favorite tree...tall, sturdy, longlived."

**Milton Finley**  
History



"I would be one of those little oak trees we planted on campus because I started out here, and I plan to stay a long time."

**Linda Martin**  
Liberal Arts





# S PORTS

## O'Neal transfers to LSUS

By Werner Schultz  
Special to the Almagest

In a stunning move which has rocked the world of collegiate and professional basketball, LSU's 7-foot-plus center Shaquille O'Neal has decided to postpone entry into the NBA and remain a college player with LSU-S.

The soft-spoken, reserved O'Neal cited the urban commuter campus' excellent academic record as a key drawing point.

"That Social Science's fair they had recently really captured my imagination," O'Neal said. "And that Foreign Language competition had me on the edge of my seat."

Reaction around the LSUS campus to O'Neal's transfer has been mixed.

Certain members of the school's team, the Pilots, expressed concern over O'Neal's shy nature, and how it could be adversely affected by the Bleacher Creatures, a group of fanatic Pilot fans who wear basketball masks on their heads and attend all home games.

"Those guys messed my game up the first few times I say them and they're on our side!" said one player, who insisted on anonymity.

Pilot coach Leon Shaw was unavailable for comment, but is reported to be in stable condition after coming down with a two-day laughing fit after the news of O'Neal's transfer hit the campus.

LSUS Chancellor John Darling declined comment saying that though he believed O'Neal to be a "nice young man with very good manners and good ball-

handling abilities," he wanted to study the situation more fully before speaking to the media.

"I'm not sure, that is to say I am equivocal, on the potentiality and possibility of someone, or a person, of Mr. O'Leary's capabilities and talents hitting the court, as it were, with the fine, fine athletes which comprise that elite squad, the LSUS Pilots," Darling said.

Darling added that the Board of Supervisors and their mothers would have to be consulted before the O'Neal transfer could be approved.

In related news, the six-foot goals in the LSUS basketball gym will now have to be raised to regulation height to accommodate O'Neal.

O'Neal cites  
LSUS'  
excellent  
academic  
record as  
reason for  
transfer.

## LSUS gets first bobsled team

Wilson, Hornak, Bagley, Herron to be teammates in '93 Winter Olympics

By Werner Schultz  
Special to the Almagest

LSUS students George Bagley, Brian Herron, Robert Hornak and Mike Wilson are preparing for the next Winter's Olympics in Purgatory, Colo., by sleeping with ice packs on their heads and taking turns pushing the Almagest shopping cart down the Halls of Bronson.

The four have formed the University's first four-man bobsled team and have adopted the LSUS's illustrious mascot, the Thundering Nutria, to guide their way down the slippery slopes of Olympic victory.

Team captain Hornak waxed eloquently about the totality and cosmic significance of the bobsled team from the cotton fields.

"From the beginnings of life in the primordial ooze, crea-

tures of all shapes and sizes have aspired to one thing: bobsledding," said Hornak.

Wilson, the last member to be added to the team's roster, said he was at first reluctant to join the team.

"You people don't realize. When you are in that little sled with some guy's head between your legs...It's just a bit too cozy for me," said Wilson.

Bagley and Herron both cited the high that speeding down the bobsled course produces as a major attraction. The idea that the experience costs less than a six pack was a recurring theme in their responses.

The team hopes to practice hard in the coming months in freezers and refrigerators in and around the LSUS campus.

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Mike Wilson on  
Bobsledding

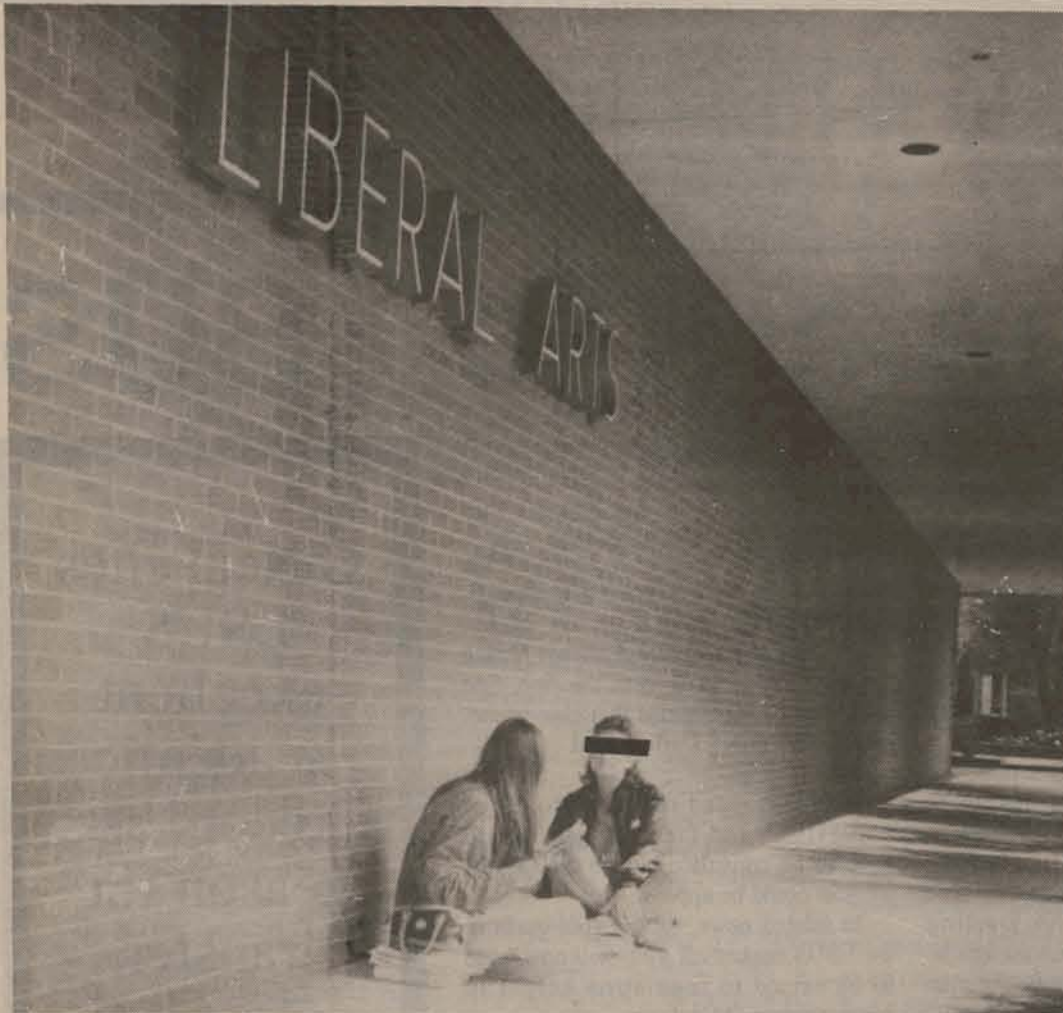
## Almagest questionnaire

We're interested in what you think.

Answer these questions and drop this slip in the box provided in the University Center.

1. What would you like to see more coverage of in the student newspaper?
2. Less of?
3. As a student, what three things concern you the most?
4. What organizations do you belong to? Who are their leaders?
5. How do you think the newspaper could better serve your needs?





Some students have had resort to outdoor study time due to University cutbacks. A new program for desk sharing is expected to be instituted next fall.

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